

TUITION, FEES, AND BILLING

A college education is one of the most important investments students and their parents will make – an investment that may affect the direction and quality of the student’s life. Students choose Bryant University because of its excellent reputation and history of successful graduates. Students should select a Bryant education based on academic considerations and not on financial factors, yet many parents and students face challenges in meeting the costs of higher education today. Bryant University is committed to providing excellent value for the educational investment. The following section outlines the tuition and fee structure for the 2017-2018 academic year. These fees are subject to change by the University.

Full-Time Study for Traditional Students

Undergraduate students admitted to a full-time study program will enroll from 12 to 20 credits per regular semester with 15 credits being the norm, and are required to pay the full-time tuition fee for that term. Students carrying more than 20 credits pay the full-time tuition fee plus a surcharge fee equal to one-twelfth of the full-time regular semester tuition fee per credit for each credit over 20.

Part-Time Study for Traditional Students

Traditional undergraduate students who enroll for fewer than 12 credits in a regular semester pay a pro rata fee equal to one-twelfth of the full-time semester tuition fee per credit.

Part-Time Study for Nontraditional Students

To study part-time, students must apply to the Admission Office as nontraditional students. Nontraditional students are described as those students whose primary focus is on work and/or family and who pursue their education on a part-time basis. Nontraditional students enroll in fewer than 12 credit hours of study during each regular semester and will be charged \$3,099 per three credit course. To register for more than three courses, nontraditional students must obtain authorization from the Registrar and pay the traditional (full-time) regular semester tuition fee. Nontraditional students have up to 12 years to complete their bachelor’s degree requirements, and must complete their final 30 credits at Bryant. Nontraditional students may choose day and evening courses.

Full-Time Tuition for Traditional Students

The full-time tuition fee for the fall and spring terms for all students is \$41,700. In addition to tuition, this fee covers all costs associated with attending Bryant, other than room, board and student involvement fee. Such costs include: laboratory fees, health services, participation in intramural sports, use of athletic facilities, and a subscription to *The Archway* (University newspaper).

In addition to academic programs and related services, these figures cover the cost for providing each student with personal use of a laptop computer that is fully loaded with software and is network ready. There are no separate fees for the technology at Bryant University.

Room and Board Fees – Residence Hall Village 1-17 and First Year Complex

The residence hall room and board fee for the fall and spring terms is \$15,095. The default (should you fail to elect a meal plan) board program

is the 14-meal plan. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are available Monday through Friday; brunch and dinner are served Saturday and Sunday. The standard 14-meal plan will allow you to choose 14 of the 19 meals available.

Meal programs consist of 19, 14, 10, and 7-meal plans. If one of these plans is chosen, the residence hall double room and board fees for the fall and spring terms range from \$15,394 for the 19-meal plan to \$14,729 for the 7-meal plan. Resident students who do not select one of the meal programs will be enrolled in the default 14-meal plan.

Board Programs

The University requires that all students who reside in the residence hall village, and residence halls 14, 15, 16 and 17 take one of the meal plans (19, 14, 10 or 7). There are no exceptions except in the case of an extreme medical problem. Call Residence Life at (401) 232-6140 for information on this policy.

Townhouse and Senior Apartment Fees

The townhouse and senior apartment room fee for the combined fall, winter and spring term period is \$11,807 for a single occupancy room and \$10,992 for a double occupancy room. Each townhouse and apartment has kitchen facilities; however, the student may choose to purchase a meal plan (19, 14, 10, or 7) if desired. (Fees subject to change.)

Special Term Fees

The tuition fee for summer and winter terms is \$1,033 per credit. The University offers the possibility of residential living in both winter and summer terms. The estimated residence fee is \$1,967.85 for the five-week term. The room fee is subject to change as circumstances warrant.

Dining Services for Breaks and Holidays

Dining services will provide food for sale on a limited basis during the winter term. Food may be purchased in the Gulski Dining Room during normal business hours. All food may be purchased using cash and/or Bulldog Bucks. Due to limited offerings, students may want to make alternative arrangements to supplement their dining requirements.

Refund Policy

A student withdrawing from Bryant during the term is required to make an appointment in the Undergraduate Advising Office and complete an official withdrawal form in the Office of the Registrar. Refunds will be calculated as follows:

Room: No refund (charged by the term). Board: Refund is pro-rated (based on days). Tuition: Written notification received by the Office of the Registrar in the:

Regular Term (Fall/Spring):

First week:	80 percent
Second week:	60 percent
Third week:	40 percent
Fourth week:	20 percent
After fourth week:	No refund

Winter Term:

First two days:	80 percent
After second day:	No refund

Summer Day Term:

First two days:	80 percent
Day 3-7:	60 percent
Day 8-9:	40 percent
Day 10-13:	20 percent
After day 13:	No refund

Summer Evening Term:

First three days:	80 percent
Day 4-9:	60 percent
Day 10-13:	40 percent
Day 14-15:	20 percent
After day 15:	No refund

Students withdrawing from an internship, prior to the start date, will forfeit their non-refundable deposit of \$150.00. After the start date will result in an account adjustment based on the given semester and date of withdrawal.

Students who must withdraw due to military requirements will, upon certification of that fact, be granted a pro-rata refund or credit.

Students dismissed academically at the end of the first regular semester are entitled to a refund of all tuition and room and board fees that have been paid for subsequent terms.

Refund checks or E-Refunds due to students for over payment will be issued upon request and after at least 30 working days following the date a check has been deposited to a student's account.

A refund check will be made payable to the student (if non-minor) unless the account credit is due to the posting of a PLUS Loan or Tuition Management Systems payment. The refund is then processed in the borrower's/payee's name or to the student if written permission by the borrower/payee is provided to the Bursar's Office to release the funds to the student.

Return of Title IV Federal Financial Aid

Regulatory guidelines associated with the return of Title IV funds as detailed in the Higher Education Amendments of 1965 (as amended in 1998) require institutions participating in federal student aid programs to employ very specific measures in effecting financial aid adjustments for students who withdraw from college. The policy governing the Return of Title IV Federal Financial Aid applies to all federal grant and loan programs (Pell, ACG, SMART, SEOG, TEACH, Stafford loans, Perkins Loans, Grad PLUS and PLUS loans), but does not include the Federal Work-Study Program.

In general, the law assumes that a student earns federal financial aid awards (which have been approved and verified) in proportion to the number of days completed in the term prior to the student's complete withdrawal. If a student completely withdraws from school during a term, the school must calculate, according to a specific formula, the portion of the total scheduled financial assistance that the student has earned and is therefore entitled to retain, until the time that the student withdrew.

If a student receives (or the University receives on the student's behalf) more assistance than he/she earns, the unearned funds must be returned to the U.S. Department of Education or to the Federal Direct or Federal Parent PLUS Loan programs. If a student's charges are less than the amount earned, and a refund is due, the student may be able to receive

those additional funds. Students who have not completed the verification process are ineligible to receive any financial aid.

The portion of the federal grants and loans that the student is entitled to receive is calculated on a percentage basis by comparing the total number of days in the semester to the number of days that the student completed before he/she withdrew. For example, if a student completes 30 percent of the regular semester, he/she earns 30 percent of the approved federal aid that he/she was originally scheduled to receive for the term. This means 70 percent of the student's scheduled or disbursed aid remains unearned and must be returned to the federal programs. In the past, the previous federal and pro-rata withdrawal policies determined the amount of federal funds that must be returned, and the university was required to reduce the student's charges by the same amount. The new policy governs the earned and unearned portions of the student's Federal Title IV Financial Aid only. It determines how much, if any, the student and/or the school may need to return. This policy does not affect the student's charges. Bryant's own withdrawal policy will be used to determine the reduction, if any, in the student's tuition and fee or room and board charges. The student is responsible for paying any outstanding charges to Bryant University.

If it is determined that a portion of the financial aid received on the student's behalf is unearned, the University shares, with the student, the responsibility of returning those funds.

Any grant funds that the student is required to return to the federal programs are considered an over payment. The student must either repay the amount in full or make satisfactory payment arrangements with the Department of Education to repay the amount. If the student fails to repay, or make payment arrangements to repay an over payment, the student will lose his/her eligibility to receive future federal financial aid at any institution.